Non-Implementation of Reservation for OBCs

1496. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether instructions for reservation for OBCs in civil services under the Government of India and its Public Sector Undertakings, Public Sector Banks and Insurance Corporations have been issued;

(b) whether Government are aware that most of the PSUs, Public Sector Banks etc. are not, following reservation policy of Government;

(c) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government to insure reservation in such organisations; and

(d) whether Government propose to implement reservation for OBCs in the Autonomous Institution/bodies wholly or partially financed or aided by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI S. R. BALA-SUBRAMONIYAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Instructions for providing reservaion for the OBCs in such Organisations already exist.

Supply of Gas by GAIL to MSEB

1497. PROF. RAM KAPSE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Gas Authority of India Ltd. have been supplying only 2.25 MMC of gas to MSEB for the months of July and August, 1996, resulting in loss of generation and increased load shedding in Maharashtra; and

(b) the steps taken to ensure adequate supply of gas to MSEB by GAIL and ONGC?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU) : (a) The supplies of gas to MSEB during July and August, 1996 were 2.76 and 2.24 MMSCMD respectively.

(b) The supplies have been restricted on account of non-payment of dues.

Spurt in World Oil Prices

1498. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been a world-wide spurt in oil prices, recently;

(b) if so, the percentage of rise;

(c) the estimated increase in the cost, in foreign exchange, of oil import bills during the year;

(d) what is the estimated shortfall, if any in the domestic production as against the projection; and

(e) the overall impact on the domestic prices as a result of import of oil at a higher cost?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (c) Prices of oil in the international market are highly volatile and are subject to wide fluctuations. Prices of oil in the international market have shown a hardening trend currently. The actual quantum of foreign exchange required for oil import bill depends upon the overall quantities imported and prices of crude oil and petroleum products prevailing in the international market.

(d) The estimated shortfall will be around 3-4 MMT.

(e) It is estimated that commulative outstandings of the oil companies would go up to Rs. 15500 Crores as on 31.3.97.